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Per your request, attached is our copy of the response (for Serial No. 08/760,706) you discussed with Mark Catan today.

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 1997. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this response for the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

The office action rejects all of the reissue claims as being based on a defective reissue declaration. The Examiner pointed out some deficiencies in the reissue declaration. Under the new rules, 37 C.F.R. §1.171 has been eliminated and 37 C.F.R. §1.175 simplified such that it is only required to point out a single error and include a general statement of lack of deceptive intent. Applicant requests that the Examiner postpone the requirement for submission of a corrected (and greatly simplified) declaration until after the disposition of the claims vis a vis the prior art is resolved.

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